HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Friend, Walorski, Knollman, Lehe, Stutzman, Ruppel, Grubb, Pflum, and Battles

A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the study of issues related to the labeling of milk, dairy, poultry and meat products or any other food over which the Indiana State Board of Animal Health has jurisdiction.

Whereas, some processing, marketing and distributing entities are requiring producers of milk, dairy, meat, poultry and other animal products, to certify that their products are not produced with artificially made hormones;

Whereas these requirements force some producers to forfeit modern Food and Drug Administration approved technology; and

Whereas these requirements may also contribute to economic hardships caused by reduced production when unable to utilize the approved product and without increased per unit compensation to offset the loss of production;

Whereas, the labeling claims on such products can be

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impossible to verify through scientifically accepted laboratory analysis;

Whereas; specific labeling of commodity products can create significant disparities in the price paid to the producer and the price charged to the consumer, thus giving an unfair price differential to the processor or retailer and causing financial distress to the producer;

Now, therefore:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1. That the legislative council is urged to establish an interim study committee to examine potential issues related to claims made through the labeling of milk, dairy, poultry or meat and other products regulated by the Indiana Board of Animal Health.

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